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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

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IN GENERAL, THE MALAGASY PRESS HAS APPLAUDED THE COMOROS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, BUT HAS CRITICIZED THE FRENCH POSITION AND MAYOTTE'S SUCCESSION. SINCE THE COUP D' ETAT ON AUGUST 3, THE MALAGASY PRESS SEEMS MORE RESERVED AND HAS AVOIDED COMMENTARY.

1. HEHY, NATIONALIST AKFM, STATED AUGUST 2: WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE COMORES IS A TACTIC THAT THE COLONIALISTS HAVE OF USING WITH THEIR PUPPETS.

2. IMONGO VAOVAO, AKFM, REPORTED AUGUST 4: THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT USED FORCE IN THE COMOROS...THIS WAS AN ESCALATION OF FORCE. THE ARTICLE CAUTIONED MALAGASY AGAINST IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS WHICH HAVE STRIVED, AT ALL COST, TO SABOTAGE THE REVOLUTION. THE SITUATION IN THE COMOROS REMINDS US, THE ARTICLE STATED, IN MORE THAN ONE WAY, THAT THE FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM IS STILL A LONG AND DIFFICULT ONE.

3. SAHY REPORTED AUGUST 6: WE MUST NOT TAKE THE EVENTS IN THE COMOROS LIGHTLY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING IS NOT AN ISOLATED EVENT, BUT IS

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ASSOCIATED WITH EVENTS GENERATED BY THE POLITICAL

SITUATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

4. MARESAKA WROTE AUGUST 6: AHMED ABDULLAH WAS OVER-
THROWN BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE HAD ALREADY DECLARED THAT
IF THE MOLINACO LEFTIST POLITICAL PARTY WAS EXCLUDED
BY PRESIDENT ABDULLAH, HE WOULD NOT REMAIN IN POWER LONG.
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